

## The Devon Orchid Society Annual Show (at Budleigh Salterton Town Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> May)

After many years of not being able to gather in May for the Devon Orchid society Show we finally came together to put on our usual displays of fine orchids in flower, plants to purchase, a enviable selection of cakes and sandwiches and the usual demonstration of Orchid culture and repotting.



*Above: Devon Orchid Society Display @ the Devon Orchid Society Annual Show (Credit: Colin Hughes)*

It wouldn't be wrong to say that the committee was unsure on how the day would pan out, but with beautiful displays by the Cornwall Orchid Society, South West Orchid Society, Writhlington School Orchid Project and, of course, the Devon Orchid Society – the number of plants and breadth of the displays were a treat for any visitor on the day. Both Burnham Nursery, Laurence Hobbs and Withington School supplied the retail therapy, providing orchids for sale whether the dramatic hybrids or something for the connoisseur and many of the 150+ visitors went away with a souvenir of their day.

The kitchen, ably marshalled by Paul Wakley and Juliet Martin plus a team of kitchen volunteers, provided the much-needed sustenance for the day with a range of home-made cakes, delicious sandwiches and the pick-me-up bacon butties needed to keep the exhibitors energy up while staging their



*Right: Cornwall Orchid Society @ the Devon Orchid Society Annual Show (Credit: Colin Hughes)*

displays. We also had demonstrations at two points in the day from Saul Walker, potting on and providing cultural tips to the gathered audience – one lady even went home to get her splitting Paphiopedilum which Saul dissected and potted on for her!



*Left: South West Orchid Society @ the Devon Orchid Society Annual Show (Credit: Colin Hughes)*

Overall, the show was a great success and much of the kudos and thanks should go to Nicky Wakley, the committee and show team for such a wonderful day out. The standard of plants was very high and the winners of the best in category and show trophies were well deserved (see the results

below). We very much look forward to replicating the success of this at our Autumn show on the 10<sup>th</sup> September at Burnham Nurseries.

## **Show Results**

### **Bowden Claret Jug for Best Cymbidium**

Cymbidium Sweet Devon  
'Sweet'

Terry Seely (South West Orchid Soc.)

### **Florence Lunt Cup for Best Laeliinae**

Schombergkia  
tibicinis

Bee Williams (Writhlington School)

### **Haddon Cup for Best Cypripedioidea**

Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill

Esther Mason (Cornwall Orchid Soc.)

### **Day Cup for Best Oncidiinae**

Oncidium cristatum

Ash Mog (Writhlington School)

### **Ken & Lucia Lyne Cup for Best Dendrobiinae**

Dendrobium thysiflorum

Terry Seely (South West Orchid Soc.)

### **West Cup for Best Phalaenopsis**

Phalaenopsis cornu-  
cervi

Kate Harman (Writhlington School)

**Baker Cup for Best  
Vandeae**

Vanda ampullacea  
(Red)

Clive Lloyd (Devon Orchid Society)

**Scott Cup for Best  
Species**

Oncidium  
cristatum

Ash Mog (Writhlington School)

**Glasgow Trophy for Best Any  
Other**

Coelogyne mooreana  
'Magnifica'

Margaret Lemon (Cornwall Orchid  
Soc.)

**Langstone Cup for Best  
Hybrid**

Cymbidium Sweet Devon  
'Sweet'

Terry Seely (South West Orchid Soc.)

**Haywood Cup for Best in Show**

Oncidium cristatum

Ash Mog (Writhlington School)